

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-8.

1. (Currently Amended). A conveyor for moving very heavy loads, consisting of a chain having width-wise multiple solid links and wherein, in the longitudinal direction, the multiple solid links are alternately of plastic and metal, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic links have both a bearing and a pulling function and simultaneously form a sleeve bearing with the underground over which they drag.

2. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the chain is provided at the bottom side with a continuous one-piece rubber band mechanically attached thereto.

3. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic links and the metal links have the same height.

4. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the metal connecting pin connecting the multiple solid links of one row to each other and to the following row of multiple sold links, consist of one piece.

5. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the metal connecting pin connects of multiple solid links of one row to each other and to the following row of multiple solid links in a manner such that it cannot move relative to the metal links but that it can hingingly move the metal links relative to the plastic links.

6. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the width of the links is inversely proportional relation to the specific tensile strength of the materials from which they have been composed.

7. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the underground over which the conveyor drags has a toplayer of a nylon filled  
with a lubricant.

8. (Currently Amended) A conveyor according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the plastic links consist of the plastic POM.